



MESSAGE FROM NETBALL OTAGO

2008

27 JULY	Otago NPC Trials
3 AUG	Otago NPC Trials
3 AUG	DNC U15 Tournament Dunedin
5 AUG	NO Secondary School Night League begins
10 AUG	DNC Y6/7/8 Tournament Dunedin
30 AUG	DNC Finals Day
1-4 SEPT	South Island Secondary School Tournament Dunedin
6 SEPT	NPC Game 1 V Waikato (Dunedin)
13 SEPT	NPC Game 2 V Auckland (Auckland)
20 SEPT	NPC Game 3 V Southland (Invercargill)
27 SEPT	NPC Game 4 V Western (Dunedin)
29 SEPT	Netball Holiday Programme begins
2-5 OCT	NPC Finals (Rotorua)
7-10 OCT	NZSS Finals

A lot has happened in the World of Netball since our last edition. The Inaugural ANZ trophy came to a climax with the Magic being out played by the Swifts and our franchise The Southern Steel finishing 5th after a promising second half to their season. Dunedin hosted two very successful home games giving the Otago public an opportunity to experience this exciting and dramatic trans tasman rivalry. The Netball public will have another chance to savour the best when we host two home games for our Otago team in September and again in October with a test – the Silver Fern versus England. At the grass roots a huge congratulations to Helen Bryant (Coach), Kay Shanks (Manager) and the Otago U21 team who claimed the title of New Zealand U21 champions at the recent Age Group Champs in Hamilton. Five of those players have been rewarded with higher honours and been included in a touring U21 side to Brisbane in August. Congratulations to Dunedin Netball Centre U17A team for taking out the the Bush Road U17 Tournament in Dunedin last month after a nail biting final against neighbours Southland, winning by 1 goal. This was an excellent chance for our centres to battle it out and very pleasing to see the talent and potential of players across the region. Upper Clutha hosted Country Day in June and we are looking forward to the various centre tournaments taking place (fingers crossed with the weather) in the next month. Thank you in advance to all those dedicated coaches, managers and umpires of our junior representative teams for giving your time, expertise and enthusiasm to our Silver Ferns of the future. Preparations are going well for the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament in Dunedin in September. A dedicated committee led by Des Smith of the Otago Secondary School Sports Association, are committed to making the tournament memorable for all the teams visiting Dunedin. We hope your preparation is going well if you are attending this event and look forward to a week of Netball. In the meantime, teams will be preparing for club and school finals in your centre competitions so enjoy the tailend of your season – I hope it has been enjoyable

Nicki Paterson
Regional Manager

OTAGO UNDER 21 TEAM TAKE OUT NATIONAL TITLE

Congratulations to the Otago Under 21 team who fought off a strong Wellington side to win 33-30 in the National Age Group Championships held in Hamilton. The team coached by Helen Bryant beat Southland in the semi final to progress to the Grand Final on Saturday. In the other semi final Wellington beat a full strength Canterbury team boasting two Tactix franchise players. The final was played in rainy conditions and was a close contest with Otago coming out on top.



Three Otago U21 players were named in the tournament team, Jess Moulds, Grier Campbell and Jaimee Power. Jaimee Power was also named as Player of the Tournament. A fantastic achievement by the team, it has been ten years since an Otago Under 21 team has won the National Age Group Championship.



OTAGO U19 TEAM JUST MISS OUT ON B GRADE TITLE

The Otago U19 team, coached by Lauren Piebenga came close to winning the Under 19 B grade title but were unable to topple Waikato Black who came out eventual winners 25-24. The U19 team had a successful tournament with wins against Bay of Plenty and North Blue. It is an exciting time for Otago netball with some very talented players coming up through the ranks.

OTAGO NPC TEAM NAMED

Georgie Salter and her selectors have named a thirteen strong interim Otago Netball Team to contest the Perry Foundation New Zealand Champs. Thirteen have been named to allow for the Silver Ferns selection which will be named on 22nd August. The team is a mixture of youth and experience and includes four ANZ franchise players. It is bolstered by the inclusion of five NZ U21 players who are currently playing in Australia. Sam Aranga-Durie, Jaimee Power and Jess Moulds are three new faces – all first year university students who have benefited from the experience of the Lois Muir Challenge earlier this year and recently playing for Otago U21 at New Zealand Age Groups. Greir Campbell also makes her debut after solid performances throughout the season.

Jessica Tuki
Greir Campbell
Rihi Salter
Katrina Grant

Debbie White
Millie Lees
Sam Aranga-Durie

Hannah Broederlow
Jaimee Power
Lorie McDonald

Jess Moulds
Phillipa Finch
Louise Thayer



NEWS FROM AROUND THE CENTRES

Central Otago Netball Centre

Central netball is now well underway despite inclement weather causing some cancelled Saturdays for our primary players and disruptions to scheduled senior games. However, now that we are well into July let's hope we can move on through. More than 200 players/umpires have now sat the Local Theory paper which is great, we now need to encourage them to sit their practical.

Our U15 (2 teams) U17 and primary representative teams have now all been selected and participating in their respective tournaments. Bush Road currently being played as I write this article.

Lauren Conder has been very busy running programmes. Fun Ferns in Alexandra has been popular with up to 20 5 - 7 year olds turning up each week. We have purchased 10 Fun Ferns netballs with the registration fees from these young people.

Future Ferns programme was successfully run in Cromwell but did not happen in Alexandra unfortunately as we hadn't had much junior netball at that stage so were unable to get the information out to players. The July Holiday programme for 11 - 12 year olds has been well received by the 13 young netballers participating. Our thanks to Lauren Conder for taking these programmes.

Central has been busy and will continue to be so with a host of tournaments ahead of us.

Margaret Bennie for Central Netball.

Dunedin Netball Centre

June and July have been busy months for the Dunedin Netball Centre representative teams. June saw the Under 17 Gold team traveling to Christchurch to compete in the Queens Birthday Weekend Tournament. This proved to be an ideal build up to the North Harbour U17 Tournament in July, where the Under 17's went from strength to strength finishing 7th overall. Congratulations to Emma Gibson for being named in the North Harbour Tournament team. June also saw both the Under 17 Gold and Blue teams competing in the Otago Netball Invitational Tournament here in Dunedin. This gave extra competition for the Dunedin Netball Centre U17 teams as they put on the finishing touches to their tournament preparation.

Bush Road saw not only our Under 17 teams competing but the inclusion of our Under 15 A team. This was a very successful tournament for DNC with our Under 17 Gold team, under the expert coaching of Lana Morrison, take out this tournament with a 1 goal victory in a nail biting game against Southland Under 17. Our Under 17 Blue team finished their tournament with a win against Christchurch Under 16's to finish 5th. The Under 15 team competed extremely well in this competition, never giving up and always giving 100% plus in each game. This resulting in a win for them on the last day and the last game. Congratulations to them and we wish them well for their upcoming Under 15 Tournament in Dunedin on the 3rd August.

Our Dunedin Under 15 Tournament on the 3rd of August has attracted 16 teams, including 3 Under 14 teams. The Year 7 and 8 Tournament on the 10th August has seen an amazing 32 teams entering, including for the first time 6 Year 6 teams. We look forward to two very exciting and competitive tournaments. Our Centre competition this is nearing an end with only a few more weeks left until semis and finals.

North Otago Netball Centre

North Otago Netball Centre has had a strong start to the second round in the season. We have had some close games in Division One Section One with Fat Sally's Rovers in fine form. All other sections are competing well. The weather seems to be giving us the run around with a few games being played in the rain. Our Juniors are the biggest section, with over 30 teams. We have started a Netball Passport for some of our Juniors. This allows coaches and players to focus on one skill per week. On the 9th and 16th of August these skills will be assessed and the players rewarded for their hard effort. Georgie Salter is continuing to link up coaches and the Netball New Zealand Coaching Modules are expanding our coaches. Georgie is also attempting to go out and see all the Junior clubs during their training sessions.

Lyndal Harvey our Umpire Coordinator is attempting to keep our Junior umpires on track with regular umpiring sessions.

Congratulations to Georgie Salter, Grahame Johnstone and Janelle Casey for being selected to coach the Otago NPC team.

We are proud of their efforts both in our Centre and outside. Our Representative Teams are off to their various tournaments and competing strongly. It is great to see so many people enjoying netball in North Otago.

Upper Clutha Netball Centre

We were pleased to host a great tournament in June for U15 & U17. The weather was very good to us. Congratulations to all the teams who took part and made it such a great day.

We are now just ending our second round of competition. Semi Finals will be on 14-15 August, Finals night will be 22 August. Our end of year prize giving is planned for 29th August.

Upper Clutha had 3 girls sit and pass their Regional Theory in May. Well done. We have just had another 3 sit the latest one in July.

Our rep teams are looking forward to heading away to the various tournaments which are coming up for them.

Good luck to them all.

Taieri Netball Centre

This year we have 42 year 5-8 teams, and 22 year 3-4 teams playing every Saturday at Taieri College. It is great to see the players enjoying their netball so much – especially the wee 7-8 year olds playing their first year of netball with huge support from the sidelines! Unfortunately 2008 has been a wet Saturday season so far, with 3 rounds being cancelled due to bad weather, so we are hoping for fine weather for the second half of the season. We have selected 5 Representative teams – 2 Year 8 and Year 7 teams and 1 Year 6 team. We will enter these teams in tournaments at South Otago, Dunedin and Alexandra. The decision was made to select 2 teams for the older age-groups to expose more players to a higher level of competition and to help improve the overall skill level of our players, especially those heading into Year 9 next year. This season we have assigned neutral umpires for matches in Section 1 – we stagger section 1 matches and each team's umpire umpires at a different time than when their own team is playing. This seems to be working very well and enables section 1 coaches who are often also the umpires to concentrate on their own team. At the end of round 1, Taieri College Year 8 Tactix is leading the competition, followed by Taieri College Year 7 Comets. Abbotsford 1 has players ranging from Year 6 through to Year 8 and has been the improving team of the season so far in Section 1. Several of our Coaches and Umpires have attended the training courses offered by Netball Otago and they have expressed their gratitude for these courses being made available to them. Several of our schools have also received coaching visits from Jo Morrison and the feedback from these has been great. Our thanks go to all of the parents who have assisted when their school has been on duty so far this season, and to all those who help out on our committee and each week at the courts; and especially to our Rep team coaches and Umpires who have volunteered their time and have enabled us to give our top players the opportunity to play Representative Netball.

You are all welcome to visit our website: www.taierinetball.co.nz

UMPIRING INFORMATION

Congratulations to Jono Bredin (our own Officials' Development Officer and ANZ umpire) who has just been appointed by IFNA to umpire at the Nations Cup in Singapore from the 31 August – 6 September. This is a fantastic achievement and will see Jono umpire his first test match. The teams competing are Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Botswana and Papua New Guinea.

Well done to Marise Stuart, Libby Jeffery and Liz Cairns who all umpired at NZ Age Group Champs in Hamilton and to Margo Ecroyd who umpired at the Under 17 tournament in Auckland. Danielle Maulder has recently become our newest New Zealand umpire and Amanda Thompson and Clare Seymour have just passed their Regional practical exam.

Also well done to the following umpires who passed the latest Regional Theory exam: Sam Ashton, Clare Seymour, Jenny Pitcaithly, Tracey Crosswell (all Dunedin), Becky Slade (Central), Carol Bloxham, Barbara Johnson, Debbie Kinder, Jane McFarlane (all South Otago), Nicky Allum, Claire Haskins and Carolyn Hay (all Upper Clutha).



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

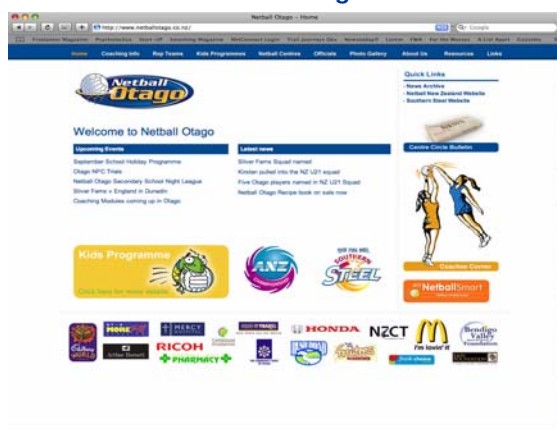
Netball Otago ran another successful School Holiday Programme during the July holidays. A record 140 kids attended the three day programme. The players were put through their paces by ex Otago and Dunedin Premier Club players. Six different netball skills stations, a netball quiz, a netball team obstacle course and a fitness circuit were among the many activities that the players participated in. The final day saw the 140 players divided in to 14 teams and play a tournament. Some excellent skills were displayed by many of the teams. The highlight of the holiday programme had to be the visit from the holiday programmes sponsor Cadbury World's Freddo Frog, who hopped in for the prize giving to help present the prizes along with Southern Steel players Katrina Grant and Debbie White. All in all it was a fabulous three days with both kids and coaches having a great time.



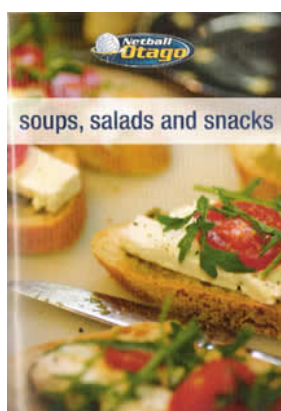
Netball Otago will be running another Holiday Programme during the September school holidays, on Monday 29 September to Wednesday 1 October from 9am—1pm. If you are interested in registering, you can visit the Netball Otago website to download a registration form www.netballotago.co.nz



Check out our new website
www.netballotago.co.nz



RECIPE BOOKS NOW ON SALE



Netball Otago is delighted to announce the opportunity to purchase our Soups, Salads and Snacks Recipe Book. We contributions from many past and present netballers including Anna Stanley, Ruth Aitken, Sandra Edge, Lesley Rumball and Leigh Gibbs. This is an ideal gift for avid netball fans. You can purchase a recipe book from the Netball Otago office



COACHFORCE



Tessa Molloy of Dunedin has been appointed as the full time CoachForce Coach covering the Otago and Southland regions. She will begin her role on the 3rd of June 2008. CoachForce is an initiative set up by Netball New Zealand, in conjunction with SPARC and funded by NZ Community Trust, to drive coaching programmes regionally in New Zealand and develop coaches from grass root level to elite level. There are now four full time CoachForce staff including Tessa and they are managed by Leigh Gibbs, former Assistant Coach of the Silver Ferns. Molloy has a degree in Human Movement studies and experience with high performance in triathlons, a sport in which she has excelled at both in New Zealand and internationally. Leigh Gibbs, Netball New Zealand's Coaching Development Manager believes that Molloy has what it takes to ensure the future development of Netball Coaching in the Southland /Otago Region.

"We are excited to have someone of Tessa's capability as she offers an energetic and enlightened approach with her human movement studies and triathlon experience," Gibbs comments. "We feel that Tessa's skill set will complement CoachForce and she will be able to work with the strengths of the many experienced coaches already in the Southland and Otago Regions. Molloy is thrilled to take up the role with the CoachForce programme. "I am looking forward to working within a professional organisation and giving the coaches in Southland and Otago as much support and opportunities as I can to further develop participation and interest in netball," she says.



NNZ COACHING MODULES COMING UP

<u>Dunedin/Taieri Netball Centre</u>			
Player Centred Coaching	11 August	Taieri College	6-9pm
Skill Analysis	18 August	Taieri College	6-9pm
Attack 1	25 August	Taieri College	6-9pm
<u>Central Otago Netball Centre</u>			
Player Centred Coaching	12 August	The Terrace School	6-9pm
<u>North Otago Netball Centre</u>			
Player Centred Coaching	15 July	Waitaki Girls	6-9pm
Skill Analysis	22 July	Waitaki Girls	6-9pm
Attack 1	29 July	Waitaki Girls	6-9pm

You can download the registration forms from the Netball Otago website www.netballotago.co.nz or give Jo Morrison a call at the Netball Otago office on (03) 455 1702

UNDER 17 BUSH ROAD TOURNAMENT

Netball Otago hosted the annual Under 17 Bush Road tournament over the weekend of the 18-20 July. With teams from as far away as Kapiti Coast competing, it was a fantastic spectacle of the young talent that is coming up through the ranks around the country. There were some close fought games during the pool play of the competition with Dunedin U17A, Kapiti Coast, Southland U16 and Southland U17A advancing on to the semi finals. Both Dunedin U17A and Southland U17 were clear winners of their games and matched up in a highly contested final, which came down to the last seconds. The final score being 29-30 to Dunedin U17A. Congratulations to Lana Morrison, the coach of the Dunedin U17A team, a wonderful way to finish off the season.

The tournament team selected throughout the three day competition is as follows:

Zoe Paterson	Central Otago	Julia Arnott Nee Nee	Christchurch	Olivia Groundwater	Christchurch
Jennifer Naoupu	Christchurch	Caroline Crowley	Dunedin	Kirstie Johns	Dunedin
Emma Gibson	Dunedin	Tessa Bekkers	Dunedin	Kirsten Ward-Harstonge	Dunedin
Tiffany Banks	Nth Otago	Kate Murray	Kapiti	Nadia Owens	Kapiti
Stacey Peeters	Southland	Ashleigh Hunt	Southland	Gemma Roberts	Southland
Kelly Henderson	Southland	Stacey Hendricks	Sth Canterbury	Sophie Pinto-Raetz	Southland

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